Andhra Pradesh and the Madhya Pradesh Water Supply and Sanitation Projects are under active consideration for World Bank Group Financing. Other projects like the Bihar Water Supply, Haldia Water Supply and Sanitation and Assam Water Supply and Sewerage Projects are in preliminary stage.

(b) and (c) The State Governments have to make allocation of funds in their annual plans for the projects, incur expenditure thereon and thereafter seek reimbursement of part of the expendtiure from the World Bank. No amount has been sanctioned from the World Bank for the above mentioned projects so far.

Television sets in Vidarbha (Maharashtra)

1180. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 300 Television sets were installed in rural areas of Vidarbha (Maharashtra) in the year 1984;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Television sets numbering 289 are not functioning and are lying inoperative since long; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to keep the 289 sets in working conditions to enable the people to view the national programmes?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Special rice production programme

1181. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to introduce a special rice production programme in all the States;

(b) if not, the States where such programme is proposed to be implemented;

(c) the States where such programme has already been introduced; and

(d) the details of the above centrally sponsored programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Special Rice Production Programme is already in operation from 1985-86 in the Six Eastern States of Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Further, Tripura has also been included under this Programme from 1988-89. However with a mid-term review it is now proposed to take up a Special Foodgrains Production Programme in 14 States inclusive of the above state and rice as a focus crop is taken up in the following additional states:—

1. Andhra Pradesh, 2. Gujarat, 3. Haryana, 4. Karnataka, 5. Maharashtra, 6. Punjab, 7. Tamil Nadu.

(d) Special Rice Production Programme is meant for increasing yield of rice in the Eastern States through imparting skills and increased use of inputs like High Yielding Variety Seeds Fertilizers, Pesticides and Implements.

Agricultural projects with foreign collaboration

1182. HRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Agricultural projects under implementation in the country in collaboration with DANIDA, SWITZERLAND, ITALY AND CANADA;

(b) the places where those are being implemented;